

# Marion County Election Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 16, 2013 | 10AM

3737 East Washington Street, Suite A

Board Members Present: Chairman Mark Sullivan; Vice Chairman Vincent Perez; Secretary Elizabeth "Beth" White; Director of Elections Angie Nussmeyer

Others Present: Andy Mallon, Election Board Attorney; David Lichtenberger, OCC Attorney; Michael Weiseman, Deputy Director of Elections; Chris Becker; Patrick Becker; Brittany Benson; Dan Brennan; Janet Buchanan; Myla Eldridge; LaDonna Freeman; Will French; Christy Gochenoms; Greg Hahn; Todd Larson; Dan McGinnis; Keith McGinnis; Ashley Miller; J.D. Miniean; Kristina Miniean; Cindy Mowery; Todd Mullen; Jon Murray; Steve Shamo; Joseph Shestak; Jennifer Troutman; Robert Vane

## Agenda

- I. **Call to Order:** Chairman Sullivan called the meeting to order. Newly appointed Vice Chairman Vincent I. Perez was introduced. Mr. Perez replaced former Republican Board member Patrick J. Dietrick.
- II. **Ratification of September 18, 2013 Meeting Minutes:** Madame Clerk motioned to approve the minutes. Vice Chairman Perez seconded. Chairman Sullivan called for approval by a show of hands. It passed unanimously.
- III. **Voter Experience Project Updates:** Madame Clerk stated there are two final public forums to be held - October 21 in Washington Township and October 28 in Wayne Township. Details are posted on Marion County Election Board (MCEB) website.
  - **Next Steps:** Six Requests for Expression of Interest (REI) were submitted - five related to voting equipment and one for asset management. The public portions of the proposals will be available on the MCEB web site. Vendors were given the opportunity to present their proposals to the Board. One vendor is scheduled for this meeting; two, maybe three, are scheduled for the November board meeting.
- IV. **Legal Services Contract Addendum:** Madame Clerk stated the Election Board has traditionally maintained its own counsel. The Board's current contract is Drewry Simons Vornehm, LLP, and at the end of the year an addendum to legal services contract is required. The addendum before the Board would retain the services of Drewry Simmons through December 31, 2014. Madame Clerk made a motion to approve the third addendum to the contract for legal services. Vice Chairman Perez seconded the motion. Chairman Sullivan called for a vote by a show of hands. It passed unanimously.

- V. Precinct Count of Absentee Ballots for 2014 Primary & General Election (Resolution 01-13):** Madame Clerk informed the Board that as a result of 2013 Legislative Session, Senate Enrolled Act 621, requires absentee ballots to be counted in a central location in Marion County only. The statute does permit the Election Board to 'over ride' the central count mandate through a unanimous vote of the bi-partisan Board. If adopted, the county would be able to return to its traditional method of counting absentee ballots at the precincts. Madame Clerk made a motion to pass the resolution. Chairman Sullivan seconded the motion and called for a vote by a show of hands. It failed to pass by a vote of 2 to 1.
- VI. Voting Machine Vendor Demonstration:** As part of the Voter Experience Project's REI process, Keith McGinnis of RBM Consulting presented their firm's voting equipment and responded to questions from the Board.
- VII. Other Business:** Elections Director Angie Nussmeyer informed the Board staff would be undertaking an audit of the 2012 Annual Campaign Finance Reports. Results of the audit will be shared with the Board at a later date.
- VIII. Adjournment:** Chairman Sullivan adjourned the meeting.

**Signed: 11/13/2013**

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Chairman, Mark K. Sullivan

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Vice Chairman, Vincent I. Perez

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Secretary, Elizabeth L. White